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### Local Brevities.

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Mrs. McKean will hold a closing-out sale of White Wash Suits at greatly reduced prices all this week, at Woman's Exchange, on Tenth street.

Having out-grown their old quarters on Commercial street, Sherman & Thing have moved into more spacious ones in the Flavel block, corner of Tenth and Bond streets.

The tug Samson arrived down the river yesterday. She has just been overhauled and put in shape to handle the rock barges for Hale & Kern. The barges will be brought down as far as Astoria by the Hercules and will be taken in tow here by the Samson and landed at Port Stevens.

The preliminary hearing of Captain Loll, charged with the theft of \$85 from A. J. Sharp, was concluded before Justice Goodman yesterday. Captain Loll was discharged from custody, as the evidence against him was not strong enough to justify binding him over to the circuit court.

The weather cooled off yesterday to a marked extent, and the glass stood at 61 when it reached the highest point during the day. The lowest mark reached was 56. Reports from Portland said the weather was almost unbearably warm there. Yesterday a fog came in from the ocean, and for a time last night it looked like rain would fall. The indications are for continued warm weather, and yesterday's cool spell does not mean that things are going to be disagreeable in the weather line.

There was still further improvement in the run of fish yesterday, but the packing-houses are not at all rushed as yet. The increased hauls were made on the north side of the lower harbor, and the best catches were made out near the mouth of the river. On the south side the fishermen fared no better than on the previous day. The Sand Island seines made better hauls. The rather sudden and unexpected change in the weather yesterday made the lower harbor too rough for fishing last night, and none of the men dared

venture near the bar. The run of fish above Astoria is very poor, and seiners are disgusted with the hauls. Yesterday 10 hauls were made at Miller's sands and only 400 pounds of fish was taken. The fish are remaining in the lower harbor, where the water is clearer than above the city.

The launch Katie was run ashore at Henrich's Landing yesterday to prevent her from sinking. In some manner not yet explained the launch filled with water. The Triton was sent up to take her place. The Katie will be put in service again today if it is found that she has not been badly damaged.

B. F. Stone, representing J. K. Armistead & Co., is in the city from San Francisco. Mr. Stone used to reside at Chicago, but he has removed with his family to Berkeley, Cal., and now travels out of San Francisco. He stated yesterday that Alaska salmon were still selling for \$1.17 1/2, although his firm is still quoting the price at \$1.30. This price will be maintained until the new pack comes in. Mr. Stone will return today to San Francisco.

Manager Ohler of the Commercial Club football team is now arranging for the games which will be played next season. The early organization of the team gave the Commercial Club a decided advantage in making its dates, and all of the best teams of the state have promised to meet the Astoria eleven. Multnomah, Salem, Chemawa, Corvallis, Albany and Oregon university have been asked for dates, and the university team has already agreed to come. The football team of the Commercial Club will be stronger next season than ever before and fine sport is promised.

There is trouble among the seiners operating at Sand Island. The interests of the Columbia River Packers' Association are being looked after by Superintendent Sanklin, and P. J. McGowan & Sons and the Tallant-Grant Company are also operating at the island. Last year Charles Davis of Chinook established a seine there, and located his gear in such manner as to "cork" all the other seines. He was enjoined from doing this by the three packing companies. After the injunction had been granted against him he sold his seining interests to two other men, and they are operating this season for him. The government allowed

Davis 1600 feet of seining ground, but the other seiners declare that he has exceeded this limit, and the trouble has recently broken out again. Sand Island is a government preserve, and control of the seining concessions is vested in Major Langfill. If Davis does not observe the limitations of the government, he will probably be excluded from the privilege of operating at the island. The concessions are said to be of some value.

Suit was filed in the circuit court yesterday by the Astoria National bank against Sidney Dell, Elinor Dell, William T. Schofield and John Hahn to foreclose two mortgages, executed for \$400 and \$2500, respectively, on property in Shively's Astoria. It is claimed in the complaint that Dell gave to the bank mortgages on the property for the amounts named and later executed other mortgages on the same property to Messrs. Schofield and Hahn. Judgment is asked in the sum of \$3499.75, which includes street assessments paid and attorney's fees, and the court is asked to declare the bank's mortgages the first lien on the property.

At the Wednesday session of the grand lodge, Degree of Honor, Mrs. Sarah Fastabend of Astoria was unanimously elected grand chief of honor. Also unanimous was the election of Mrs. Hattie McCormack of Mashfield to the position of grand lady of honor, and the election of Mrs. Harriet C. Looney of Jefferson to the office of grand chief of ceremonies. Mrs. Ollie F. Stephens of Portland was re-elected grand recorder; Mrs. Fidelity Mann of Portland was unanimously elected grand receiver. The other officers elected were: Mrs. Sadie E. Moore of Corvallis, grand usher; Mrs. Mattie T. Smead of Heppner, grand inside watch; Mrs. Mora Hendricks of McMinnville, grand outside watch.

The Commercial Club bowling alleys are to be opened, after having been closed down for four weeks. With the advent of the warm weather the bowlers confine themselves to less strenuous amusement, but the Multnomah Club team is about to challenge for the Feldenheimer trophy, and the Commercial Club is anxious to get in shape. It is not unlikely that the regatta committee may hang up a regatta trophy to be contested for on the local alleys, at the same time the Feldenheimer trophy contest is pulled off. The Multnomah men are to practice faithfully for the coming contest, but locally there is not the slightest question that the famous old pin will remain here.

Tom Richardson, commercial manager of the Portland Commercial Club, was somewhat surprised when he learned that Mayor Surprenant had appointed six women delegates to the development league convention, but expresses the opinion that the ladies will be seated by the committee on credentials. Ladies have been invited to attend the sessions of the conventions, so the Astoria delegates of the gentler persuasion will be welcome. Mr. Richardson writes requesting that a statement of the output of Astoria's industries be prepared for presentation at the meeting of the league, and this will be done. It is particularly desired that Astoria be well represented at the convention, and the indications are that there will be a large delegation from this city.

F. A. Seufert, the newly elected mayor of The Dalles, was in Astoria yesterday. "I came down to get a breath of fresh air," said Mr. Seufert. "You Astorians, I am afraid, do not appreciate your weather. At The Dalles yesterday it was so hot one could scarcely breathe. If weather could be sold, you people down here could engage in a most profitable business." Mr. Seufert reports that salmon have been very scarce at The Dalles this season, and his total pack is only about 3000 cases of half-pounds. It is the worst year he has ever experienced. The shortage of the supply at The Dalles is attributed to the operation of the wheels at the cascades. The muddy water and high stage of the river rendered conditions favorable for big catches at the cascades, with the result that the gear located above did not do much. The muddy water allowed the fish to get by the gillnetters here, and the high water gave the wheels full swing. While in Astoria yesterday Mr. Seufert purchased a soldering machine and two butterfly topping machines from John Fox of the Astoria Iron works. The local iron works is making the best cannery machinery in America, and the demand for its product is international. All of the new inventions are secured by Mr. Fox and the quality of machinery turned out of the local shops has established for the firm an enviable reputation.

Watch the "Wani" columns of The Morning Astorian.

## HARBOR CAN BE DREDGED

Government Is Making Survey of the Eastern Portion of Astoria's Waterfront.

BOTTOM IS LARGELY OF SAND

Depth May Be Increased Twelve Feet—Little Probability of Extension of Present Harbor Lines.

For the purpose of determining whether or not the channel can be dredged to sufficient depth in the eastern portion of Astoria harbor, the government tug Mendell is now engaged in making soundings there. The Mendell has been at work for several days, and Mr. Shubert, one of the engineers in charge of the survey, stated last evening that the soundings would be finished within a short time.

The Hume mill represents an investment of about \$500,000. After the long docks had been built it was found that the channel had filled, with the result that the company was prevented from loading large vessels at its mill. Other lumbering enterprises are to be established in the east end, but so long as the depth of water is insufficient the intending investors would not erect mills. The matter was brought to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, and correspondence with the engineer department of the government followed. The chamber contended that the harbor lines should be extended all along the Astoria waterfront if it should be found that the channel could not be dredged.

The engineer department has shown marked consideration for the opinions of the chamber, and when the Mendell completed her work of making soundings on the bar she was ordered to survey the eastern part of the harbor. The survey was intended to determine the character of the river bottom. If it was found that the bottom was such that dredging could be successfully carried on, the harbor lines probably would not be extended; but, if the showing was otherwise, the lines would be allowed to remain as at present.

The result of the survey thus far shows that the river bottom is of sand, and therefore that dredging can be carried on with success and the channel deepened. It was stated yesterday that boring have been made which show that the channel can be dredged out fully 12 feet, which would provide ample depth to accommodate the shipping interests of the upper harbor. The Ladd once dredged out the channel in that vicinity to a depth of 23 feet at mean low water, so the engineer department will doubtless be satisfied that there is no good reason why the harbor lines should be extended.

The opinion is expressed that the Chinook can easily provide the necessary depth in the east end. She will be kept at work on the bar during the summer months, but when the winter storms set in she may be ordered to do some work in the east end. Her work in the lower harbor has convinced Astorians of her ability to provide good depth, and that the department will agree to have her operate in the upper harbor is quite generally believed.

WILL NOT BE MOVED.

Oregon City Land Office Will Continue at Present Location.

The proposition to remove the local land office from Oregon City to Portland was practically abandoned Wednesday, when the interior department received from the secretary of the treasury a letter stating that the federal building at Portland is completely filled and will not accommodate another office. It was the belief of Inspector Linnen, who originally recommended the removal of the land office, that two rooms now occupied by army engineers for drafting work could be sacrificed, but the local representative of the treasury department, after an investigation, finds the engineers can not give up these rooms, as there is no other space available in the Portland building.

The matter will therefore have to be dropped, notwithstanding the interior department is very anxious to change the location of the land office. One of the principal reasons for desiring a change in the location is to save the annual rental now paid for quarters in Oregon City. To remove to rented quarters in Portland would probably cost more than at present.

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